campaigns have been launched among the fishermen to enable them to identify sharks as well as release them immediately in cases of incidental nettings.

Collusion of forest staff and poachers in tiger killing

40. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiries and investigations into the loss and disappearance of hundreds of tigers in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, including Ranthambhore, have thrown up and exposed collusion between the forest staff and poachers;

(b) if so, the number and details of the staff/officers found involved; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not received any report from Madhya Pradesh or Rajasthan regarding loss and disappearance of hundreds of tigers or collusion between forest staff and poachers.

(c) Question does not arise

Environmental pollution due to ship breaking industries

41. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that every year around 600 decommissioned/aged ships are being received from abroad by our ship-breaking yards and that this Rs. 200 crore ship-breaking industry is responsible for causing worst type of environmental hazards thereby;

(b) if so, whether docommissioned French Aircraft Carrier Clemenceau was permitted to enter in India recently; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of gradually banning this ship-breaking activities where workers are exposed to life-taking carcinogenic materia! which often prove fatal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The ship breaking